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Coalition talks continue in Jerusalem yesterday, as (from left) the Likud's Moshe Katsav greets Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi and Yitzhak Mordechai of the Likud shakes hands with Avigdor Kahalani of The Third Way. (Efraim Kilback)

Assad: Talks frozen for now

News agencies

EGYPT and Syria said yesterday that initial overtures from prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu were discouraging, but they would give his government time to show them its real intentions.

Syrian President Hafez Assad said, however, he would not resume peace talks until he learned more about Netanyahu's positions.

"We decided it would be wise to hide our time and wait to see how the behavior of the new government will be, even if the speech which the prime minister-elect made yesterday did not inspire optimism," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told a joint news conference in Cairo.

Stop attacking media, Netanyahu urges

MICHAEL YUDELMAN and SARAH HONIG

LIKUD attacks on the media and threats to "settle accounts" with journalists and to privatize the Israel Broadcasting Authority aroused a storm yesterday among politicians, the National Federation of Israeli Journalists, and the IBA.

Prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu came out in defense of the media, saying it serves a vital role in democratic life. He noted that any debate on the media's functioning should be held in a responsible and cultured manner.

Posters calling for the dismissal of Channel 1 news anchor Haim Yavin and Channel 2 political correspondent Gadi Sukenik were seen at the Likud's victory rally Sunday night, where thousands of activists reacted angrily when Netanyahu first mentioned the word "media."

IBA workers expressed concern over the Likud's threats, and especially MK Limor Livnat's statements about privatizing the IBA and its allegedly faulty operation during the campaign. The workers noted that privatizing the IBA meant firing at least half of them.

Livnat, who has been mentioned as a possible next communications minister, maintained that "It is not vengeance which propels us to privatize the IBA, but our world view."

Nevertheless, she stressed that, "We have too many causes for grievance when it comes to the electronic media, in particular Channel 1. Its attitude was one of unmitigated discrimination against the Likud. There is a tendency among its journalists to demonize all Likud politicians and supporters, and to glorify all those on the Labor side."

"The journalists' private inclinations are too often expressed in the way they treat issues on the air. Their attitude to anyone who does not share their opinions and agenda is suspicious and confrontational. Likud politicians are interviewed with hostility and are cut off before completing a sentence."

She added that, "The tendentiousness of the electronic media reached unprecedented proportions on Election Day. The radio kept telling voters every half hour that Jewish right-wing extremists were seeking to assassinate [Shimon] Peres. Throughout the day, they kept exhorting Arab voters to come out and vote to save Peres and prevent a Likud victory."

"But they were biased before Election Day, too. We could hardly get an interview for Netanyahu and when we fixed a date, they kept changing it again and again, until they found a spot at a time in which the ratings were lowest. If Peres refused to appear on the same program with Netanyahu - even in separate interviews - Netanyahu was simply excluded. He never got equal time and when he was finally interviewed, it was with unacknowledged animosity and attempts to belittle him and nearly each of his replies was cut off by repeated carrying comments."

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Netanyahu, PM to discuss transfer of power

PRIME minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu is to meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres this morning to discuss the transfer of power.

When this will actually happen depends on how smoothly and quickly the coalition talks that began yesterday proceeded. Top Netanyahu aide Avigdor Lieberman, who is designated to become director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, continued to insist yesterday the cabinet will be in place by June 17, when the new Knesset convenes for the first time.

Netanyahu, however, said yesterday he is in no hurry to put together his government and that the process might take until the July 20 deadline for presentation of the new cabinet.

Some in the Likud said last night that Netanyahu and Lieberman are playing the game of "good cop" and "bad cop," with Netanyahu signaling he is in no rush and under no pressure to yield to the demands of his likely coalition partners.

Likud sources note the religious parties have little leverage, since under the new electoral system there is no way they can switch allegiance to the other bloc. In addition, Netanyahu can always threaten them with a national unity coalition.

This, however, did not prevent the parties from opening yesterday's negotiations with tough demands. Shas, for example, demanded three portfolios for its 10 MKs - Interior, Religious Affairs, and Labor and Social Affairs. It also wants three deputy ministers. It may appoint people who are not MKs as ministers, names mentioned include David Yosef, son of Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, and former Petah Tikva deputy mayor Sinai Gilboa.

Formal coalition talks get underway

SARAH HONIG

Lieberman, who met with the Shas delegation, nixed this on the spot, telling Shas it cannot expect to have a sixth of the 18 ministers and half of the deputy ministers. But Shas leader Aryeh Deri, in a meeting later with Netanyahu, repeated these demands.

National Religious Party leader Ze'evulun Hammer, who also met with Netanyahu, also demanded the Education portfolio. Like Deri, he rejected any intention to fix a different ratio of MKs per minister for the Likud than for the other parties.

Hammer stressed that the religious parties had "decided to operate as a bloc and coordinate their demands as much as possible."

Yisrael Ba'Aliya's Natan Sharansky also met with Netanyahu yesterday, as well as with The Third Way's Avigdor Kahalani, who later had a session with Netanyahu as well.

Kahalani reported that he "never got to discuss portfolios. We talked about the new government's guidelines, which is what really counts as far as we are concerned. We want the continuation of the peace process, the maintenance of the status quo on religious affairs, and the development of the settlements, especially on the Golan."

United Torah Judaism does not intend to be represented in the cabinet, but it does want a portfolio which will be managed by a deputy minister. It prefers the Construction and Housing portfolio and asked for the chairmanship of the Knesset Finance Committee and higher allocations for the hard-di school system.

Landau came out in support of Mordechai, saying, "It is unthinkable that military officers run a campaign against a very qualified candidate because of dislikes and personal rivalries. The military cannot dictate to the elected government who its ministers will or will not be. This is a very basic tenet of democracy."

So far the only man who seems to know what his role will be in the next government is Geshur's David Levy, who seems certain he will win the Foreign Affairs portfolio he covets.

Likud insiders say MK Meir Sheerit has no hope of winning a portfolio, recalling his speed to tear into Netanyahu after the exit poll projections Wednesday night indicated Netanyahu would lose.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir recommended yesterday that Netanyahu look into the possibility of forming a national unity coalition. He was speaking at a memorial ceremony for the LEHI fallen.

Also received by Netanyahu were MKs Tzahi Hanegbi and Uzi Landau. Later in the evening he met with Tsomet's Rafael Eitan and Yitzhak Mordechai, the leading candidate for the Defense portfolio. No one is certain, however, whom Netanyahu will pick for this key portfolio.

There have been reports that Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak is threatening to resign should Mordechai be appointed to the Defense post. Shahak, upon becoming CGS, refused to appoint Mordechai his deputy, after which Mordechai retired from the army, and the two are on bad terms.

There have been reports that Netanyahu might fear that appointing as forceful a figure as Sharon finance minister might frighten some members of the business community.

Little hope for Syrian track, Page 3

path will be fraught with difficulties," he said.

Asked about the attitude of the United States, Assad appeared to excuse any apparent bias towards Israel as part of the campaign for the US presidential elections in November.

"In the United States they are going through circumstances that have special requirements. And the electoral campaigns have now begun and they have their requirements. I think that the US administration wants peace to be achieved. You've all heard about the new American efforts and they are serious efforts. But what they can achieve we have to wait and see," he added.

Earlier, a senior Syrian information official warned that chances for peace would be destroyed if Netanyahu's campaign promises were turned into an official Israeli policy.

"Netanyahu said in his election campaign he will not withdraw from the Golan and Jerusalem. He (Continued on Page 2)

Sharon pressuring Netanyahu for Finance Ministry

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

MK Ariel Sharon is said to be sulking. He is in the dark about the portfolio which prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu has earmarked for him and is not sure that it will be Finance, which he covets.

However, those close to Sharon hotly deny that he has threatened to leave the Knesset and political life. Those close to Netanyahu deny with equal vehemence that the two had a falling out over the phone on Saturday night.

The Likud was rife with talk about "an unpleasant phone conversation" between Sharon and Netanyahu on Saturday night, in which Sharon threatened to resign. However, Sharon's spokesman Shaya Segal and Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak both deny this.

Nevertheless, it is agreed in the Likud that Sharon is exerting pressure on Netanyahu and that the rumors spreading in the party are part of his campaign.

Sharon's position is contrasted sharply with that of Geshur's David Levy, who seems to have been assured he will be the next foreign minister.

Sharon is reported to feel that he deserves equal consideration. He maintains that it was his decision to drop out of the prime ministerial race which enabled Netanyahu to later convince Levy and Tsomet's Rafael Eitan to follow suit. Without this, and without his help in forming the Likud-Tsomet-Geshur bloc, he argues, Netanyahu would not have won.

Likud sources speculate that Netanyahu might fear that appointing as forceful a figure as Sharon finance minister might frighten some members of the business community.

BACKGROUND SARAH HONIG

Boy bitten, seriously injured while defending his dog

CHEN Geva, 6, of Kfar Sava, was seriously injured yesterday while defending his dog from another which attacked her.

Geva was walking his dog in a park near his home at about 4:30, when another dog suddenly attacked her. In an effort to defend his pet, he tried to separate them, and the attacker then turned upon him.

He was bitten in the ear and neck and also suffered a head injury. Chen underwent surgery at Meir Hospital.

Police have yet to identify the owners of the attacking dog.

'Peres: These are the most difficult days of my life'

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is feeling terribly lonely now, Jean Friedman, a close friend of his who took a central part in the election campaign, said yesterday.

He said Peres had told him that these are the most difficult days he has ever gone through.

Friedman said the people will not forget or forgive Labor's campaign information director Haim Ramon and campaign adviser Moshe Teomin "for bringing this tragedy on the country."

Friedman was a member of a special campaign monitoring team, which conducted surveys indicating Peres's possible defeat and objected to Ramon's campaign strategy.

He said he had warned months ago that Ramon's strategy was a mistake, but the campaign information heads ignored him and stupidly insisted on preferring a soft campaign line.

"Ramon lied to Shimon when he described an incorrect situation and showed him surveys which were not exactly accurate," said Friedman.

In response to Friedman's statements, Peres expressed full confidence in Teomin last night.

Labor spreads the blame, Page 2

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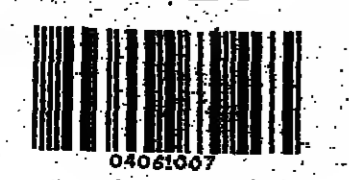
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Likud-Tsomet-Gesher MKs hold first meeting

LIAT COLLINS

THE new MKs from the joint Likud-Gesher-Tsomet list raised a toast "To Israel" at the first faction meeting in the Knesset since the election victory. Prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu would not promise to announce his new government at next Monday's opening of the Knesset, but said he would do so as soon as possible.

"There are no sacred dates," he said. He noted that the law gives him 45 days in which to announce his choice of ministers.

Netanyahu gave a short version of his victory speech, stressing three main issues: the continuation of the peace process, economic reform, and the need for national unity. He also called on his MKs not to make statements which deviate from the party platform. "Peace with security was not just an electoral slogan; it's a goal, and we must try with all our might to achieve it," Netanyahu said. He said initial phone calls and contacts show that the Arab world has accepted the change in government. He hopes to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein soon after forming the government.

On economic issues, Netanyahu stressed the need for privatization, cutting red tape, and creating a competitive market for goods and services.

He also repeated his call for national reconciliation, despite the obvious differences with the



Prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu (third from left) raises a victory toast in the Likud Knesset faction's office yesterday, flanked by (left to right) Moshe Katsav, David Levy, Rafael Eitan and Ariel Sharon. (Isaac Harari)

opposition. "There are no enemies, just political rivals," he said.

David Levy reminded the MKs that the Likud had brought about the first peace agreement and

attended the Madrid Conference. He said the world has to understand that there are not pro-peace

and anti-peace camps, but different approaches to the peace process.

Four wounded in terrorist bombing

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and JUDY SIEGEL

IN the first terrorist attack since the elections, four telephone technicians were slightly wounded in Samaria yesterday when a remote-controlled pipe bomb exploded as they were about to repair a line near a Palestinian village.

The technicians, escorted by IDF troops, had entered an olive grove outside the village of Bidya to mend severed lines, after international phone calls from Nablus and cable TV reception in Ariel were cut off after midnight Sunday.

"This was a bomb that had been planted under the ground during the night by activists," said Lt-Col Zvika, commander of the Tulkar sector. "They planted the bomb and then cut the Bezeq optical cable, knowing that Bezeq workers would be coming to that place to fix it. The pipe bomb was placed where they thought the repairmen would be standing and that's what caused the injuries."

Israel Radio said the bomb was apparently set off by remote control.

The four technicians were hospitalized for observation and the army said they suffered light wounds.

The army clamped a curfew on the town and launched widespread searches, the IDF spokesman said.

Bezeq director Yitzhak Kaul said he regards the terror attack as "very serious," since the telecommunications company provides maintenance services in the autonomous areas at the Palestinian Authority's request.

The site of the breakdown made it clear to Bezeq workers that the cable had been cut purposely, since this had happened numerous times in the past.

The technicians were sent out early in the morning, accompanied by soldiers as required by regulations.

The bomb that exploded caused only minor injuries due to "their being on alert," Kaul said.

He visited the wounded in the hospital and thanked them for their determination to service customers at any time and place.

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres and Labor's ministers yesterday held a penetrating debate into the causes of Labor's election defeat, in which some blamed the party's alignment with Meretz for alienating large segments of society and others accused the party of a patronizing attitude.

The recriminations between campaign information director Haim Ramon and Peres's personal campaign director Ehud Barak continued, with Ramon accusing Barak's people of "evading responsibility. Barak's campaign staff contributed nothing to the elections, didn't pass on surveys they had, and dealt only with slandering the others."

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvili said that in the party's thrust for peace it alienated the Sephardi community, which saw Labor as associated with the Left and the Arabs.

"We now see a return to the ethnic voting pattern of 1977, in which the Sephardi and religious sectors returned to the Right," said Zvili, "an unhealthy division which I had hoped we had overcome in the last 20 years."

Zvili proposed a committee of external experts and politicians to

Labor: We've alienated large segments of society

MICHAL YUDELMAN

look into the relations among Labor, the religious, and new immigrants, as well as the functioning of the party's election campaign.

Peres reiterated his instructions to the ministers not to initiate contacts with the Likud regarding a national unity government. Party sources said he is vehemently opposed to such a move.

Zvili said Peres urged the ministers to maintain their dignity and remember that 49.5% of the public had voted for him.

"We have no intention of being a destructive opposition, and will make every effort to preserve the democratic system in Israel," Zvili said.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri said that to a large part of the public, Labor is too identified with Meretz, "and has turned into a yuppie party of rich people, which acts patronizingly towards parts of the people. A party which is perceived as somewhere between Sheinkin and Ramat Aviv Gimmel will have difficulty winning the support of the majority of the people."

Tsuri said that "in the past four

years we've missed an opportunity to reach those parts of society. It's not a problem that can easily be corrected."

He added that people's fears "drove them back to the depressing model of the immigration of the '50s, in which Sephardi people are on one side and Ashkenazis are on the other. We drifted away from segments of the people, and there is a joining of weaker classes, Sephardim, and religious and traditional groups, to whom we appear patronizing."

Meretz's leader, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, rejected accusations that Meretz is responsible for the electoral failure and called on Labor to take responsibility for its "failing campaign, which led to the loss of so many electoral assets."

"Labor has this obscene habit of blaming the whole world except itself. It started with Ramon, went to the Arabs, and now it's the turn of Meretz, which was a loyal partner to Rabin's and Peres's governments."

Sarid said that some of Labor's leaders "are now looking for ways of covering their behinds instead of 'going home' as they should."

Leah Rabin to Netanyahu: Look after yourself

MICHAL YUDELMAN

adding her wishes for him to stick to it. "He cannot bring us greater satisfaction than continuing on the peace process which Yitzhak began and Peres continued. All I have to say to him is take care, look after yourself, and may you be well protected," she said.

"I believed Yitzhak's murder had caused a sufficient impact to bring about a victory in the elections, I did not think there could

be an adequate answer to that murder. I still think we should have won," Rabin said.

"I think they should have used Yitzhak's murder in the campaign. Every single day they should have pointed an accusing finger reminding people: 'This man was murdered.'"

Rabin urged Peres to take responsibility for the defeat in the elections, "as Yitzhak would have done. I'm sorry it ended this way."

MEDIA

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criminated against."

Guterman recalled a similar attempt to "blame the media for all the ills in society and the state, when journalists were called 'well-poisoners,' 'left-wingers,' and 'traitors' [referring to Likud leaders' statements during the war in Lebanon]. The late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin also complained that one channel was serving the settlers, and accused the newspapers of "playing up pictures of the terrorist attacks because blood sells more newspapers." But the previous governments did not deal in intimidation and did not settle accounts."

Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvili blasted Livnat for what he called her "campaign of threats and incitement" against the media.

"It's frightening to find out that the first step the Likud takes after its victory, even before setting up a

new government, is an attempt to shut mouths and prevent any criticism of the new regime," he said.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni said that Netanyahu and right-wing representatives received unprecedented coverage on the electronic media.

She asked what other state-owned broadcasting authority would have given "a man like [Shas leader Aryeh] Deri a chance to appear on the screen and deny that I had been attacked by radical right wing activists [affiliated with Shas] in New York, after the whole world saw the incident on television?"

Aloni warned that privatizing the IBA would lead to the cancellation of cultural, religious, and educational programs, broadcasts for new immigrants and minorities, investigations, and interviews, due to their low ratings.

"It will be a disaster, with the only criteria for programs being the financial interests of the owners and sponsors, rather than public interest," she said.

ASSAD

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tor-general of the official daily Tishreen, said in a front-page comment.

Court allows publication of two Vanunu petitions

EVERLYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday permitted the publication of two petitions by Mordechai Vanunu, who is serving a life sentence for revealing Israel's nuclear secrets. Both petitions were rejected.

In one petition, Vanunu demanded a police investigation into the events surrounding his 1986 kidnapping from Italy by the Mossad, which enabled him to be returned here for trial.

In particular, he said, the police should investigate the fate of an American woman who assisted in the kidnapping, and who, he said, was apparently a CIA agent.

"It is possible to raise the suggestion" that this woman has since been killed by those who planned the kidnapping, he said.

Justices Shlomo Levine, Yitzhak Zamir, and Dalia Dorner pointed out that such a request should be directed first to the police and the attorney-general, rather than the High Court.

However, they continued, it would in any case be impossible for the court to order an investigation when Vanunu presented no proof whatsoever of his theory.

In his statements to the court, he admitted that, "Everything I said here is only a possibility, and there is another possibility - that the girl is still alive and well."

In the second petition, Vanunu charged he is being subjected to religious coercion, because he is not given fresh bread on Shabbat and holidays.

However, the justices rejected this claim as well.

Murder suspects remanded

Harel Hershbitz, 23, and Danny Koenig, 20, of Kibbutz Deganya Bet, suspected of last month's murder of snake catcher Ya'acov Sela, had their remands extended yesterday until June 10, when they are to be indicted by Haifa District Court. *Jim*

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A J.N.F. delegation of 37 strong from Manchester, England, for a dedication ceremony in honor of the late Sam Heald, donor and supporter of Israel. Ceremony to take place on Wednesday in the British Park, near Jerusalem, where a plaque and leisure area will be dedicated in Heald's name.

Victory lends sudden harmony to religious parties

COMMENT HERB KEINON

THE sight of the three religious parties sitting down together and coordinating positions has caught much of the country by surprise. From whence springs the sudden harmony?

Are these the same Shas, National Religious Party, and United Torah Judaism we know? Are these the same three religious parties which, over the last four years, have demonstrated against each other's rabbis and written scurrilously about one another in each other's newspapers? Are these the religious parties which historically have fought tooth and nail during coalition negotiations, trying to get the best deal for their own religious constituents?

Yes, the parties are the same, but the circumstances have changed a great deal.

First of all, each of the parties knows that it is going to join the coalition, and that one party's gain will not necessarily be the other's loss. If Shas gets the Interior Ministry, this does not mean that the NRP will be boxed out of Education, or vice-versa. UTJ getting a deputy housing minister will not come at the expense of either the Sephardi or national religious public.

Both Shas and the NRP came out of the elections as winners, and UTJ maintained its strength. As a group, they came out victors. They realize that collectively they wield a great deal of clout, and there is no reason for one to try to trip up the other. No party will get any more by rushing to be the first to sign up with prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu.

Secondly, since Shas and the NRP did so well at the polls, they can afford to be generous with each other. "Victors are generous," an NRP activist said. "Those who are not so sure about themselves are always looking to see what the other guy got."

Thirdly, the religious public wants unity. The coalition talks are not the first time the three parties have sat down together this year. Prior to the election, the leaders of the parties conducted negotiations about forming a united religious bloc.

Meretz and its stridently anti-religious line over the past four years brought the parties together. The feeling was that there was more that united the parties - a desire to preserve the Jewish character of the state - than divided them: ideological differences over Zionism, serving in the army, and the importance of Greater Israel.

These negotiations were popular with the religious public, with polls at the time saying that if the parties ran together they would garner 17 to 19 seats, up three from the 16 they had in the last Knesset. The bloc was not formed and - ironically perhaps - without the bloc they gained 23 seats.

But these talks broke psychological barriers, and helped pave the way for cooperation after the elections.

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Assad: The great miscalculator

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad sounded downcast about the prospects for peace talks on the Golan during a Cairo visit yesterday, but he has nobody to blame but himself. He can now be called the Great Miscalculator.

By trying to be more clever by half by being hard-nosed in the peace negotiations with Labor over the last four years, Assad not only has been left without the Golan, but contributed heavily to Prime Minister Shimon Peres's defeat.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher might still soldier on, formally adding to his 20 odd trips to the region of the last four years and holding marathon sessions with the Sphinx of Damascus while drinking sweet tea. Yet, if it occurs, informed sources privately say, this will be motion without movement. The notion of Israel trading the Golan Heights for peace with Syria is over for the foreseeable future.

Christopher, who supposedly withheld reinvestment believing the promise of a deal was at hand, will now probably leave his post in November.

It did not have to be this way. Over the last few years, the governments of Yitzhak Rabin and Peres essentially offered Assad the Golan, but Assad held out for more maximalist terms. He could not have been more begrudging on setting the terms for normalization, as he refused to deal with the Israeli public. At most only 37% of Israelis favored a Golan deal, with the majority

COMMENT
DAWD MAKOVSKY

convinced that peace with Damascus would never be as tangible as the territories they would have to trade in return.

The Syrian leader was so keen on demonstrating to one and all that he would not embrace Israel like Egypt's quintessential peacemaker Anwar Sadat, that he allowed the Golan deal to slip through his fingers. He saw Peres as the Assad of Jerusalem, who could impose a deal without needing public support. No less mistaken, US officials say Assad genuinely believed a second scenario, the closer the date to Israeli elections, the more Labor would need him to win as a peacemaker, and be amenable to his terms on the Golan. In fact, playing the role of the reluctant suitor, Assad did more than undermine the deal. He undermined Peres's chances for victory, feeding the Likud-generated perception of Peres at home as a dreamer too smitten with his own visions of a New Middle East, despite all his and Rabin's great successes in achieving breakthroughs with Jordan, with Gulf states, and in North Africa.

To the public, what stands out is Peres making a statement that the Golan is "Syrian land," while Assad turned down a US appeal even to send a condolence letter to Leah Rabin upon the assassi-

nation of her husband. Moreover, the public here was infuriated with Assad's remote-controlling of Hizbullah in southern Lebanon as a means to soften up the country for the Golan talks.

Taken altogether, this all fed the perception of Peres being too trusting of Assad, even though it should be obvious to all that Peres would not have yielded the territory without elaborate security arrangements.

Yet, before people mutter "It serves Assad right," one should realize the problems will not fade with the ebbing of the talks, and Netanyahu faces a serious situation.

After it becomes official that Netanyahu is not yielding the Golan, Assad may try to get the new government's attention both by heating up Hizbullah violence in southern Lebanon against Israel and moving closer to Iran. Some believe Netanyahu will ultimately change his tune on the Golan, as he will want to go down in history as a peacemaker. But even assuming this change of motivation, he will lack his own coalition's support, something that even Rabin and Peres could barely muster with a more flexible Knesset.

Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's outgoing ambassador to Washington and top negotiator with Damascus, once wrote a book on missed opportunities in Syrian-Israeli peacemaking from 1949-1952 entitled *The Road Not Taken*. It is now time for the sequel: *The Road Again Not Taken*.

Olmert: Likud will do more for capital's Arab residents

THE Likud government will do far more than the outgoing Labor government did for the Arab residents of Jerusalem, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert yesterday told a group of mukhtars, who raised concern about policy changes under prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu. "I know there is great concern about what will happen under the new government," Olmert said at the meeting, in Kafr Aqab in northern Jerusalem. "I want to make clear that the government will meet its obligations to continue with the peace talks." "But it must be recognized that there will be differences [in policy]," Olmert said. He said one of

those differences is the government-elect's commitment to Jerusalem remaining unified, under the sole rule of Israel. At the same time, however, "The new government is committed to improving the conditions of the non-Jewish residents of Jerusalem, who are an integral part of this city. This was also my policy before, but I didn't have the backing of the government." Olmert said that the Netanyahu government would increase funding to the Arab sector of Jerusalem, which would allow for the implementation of many

of the "hundreds of plans we have, that we haven't been able to carry out because of lack of funds." The mayor and senior city officials toured the Kafr Aqab, Beit Hanina, and Shuafat neighborhoods and met with local leaders. City officials emphasized that the trip was planned before the elections. "We hope that all the promises we are hearing about are carried out," said Mohammed Matar, mukhtar of Kafr Aqab, after city officials outlined several development plans for the area. "We have heard many promises in the past, but nothing ever came of them."

'Weizman ready to help with unity government'

SARAH HONIG

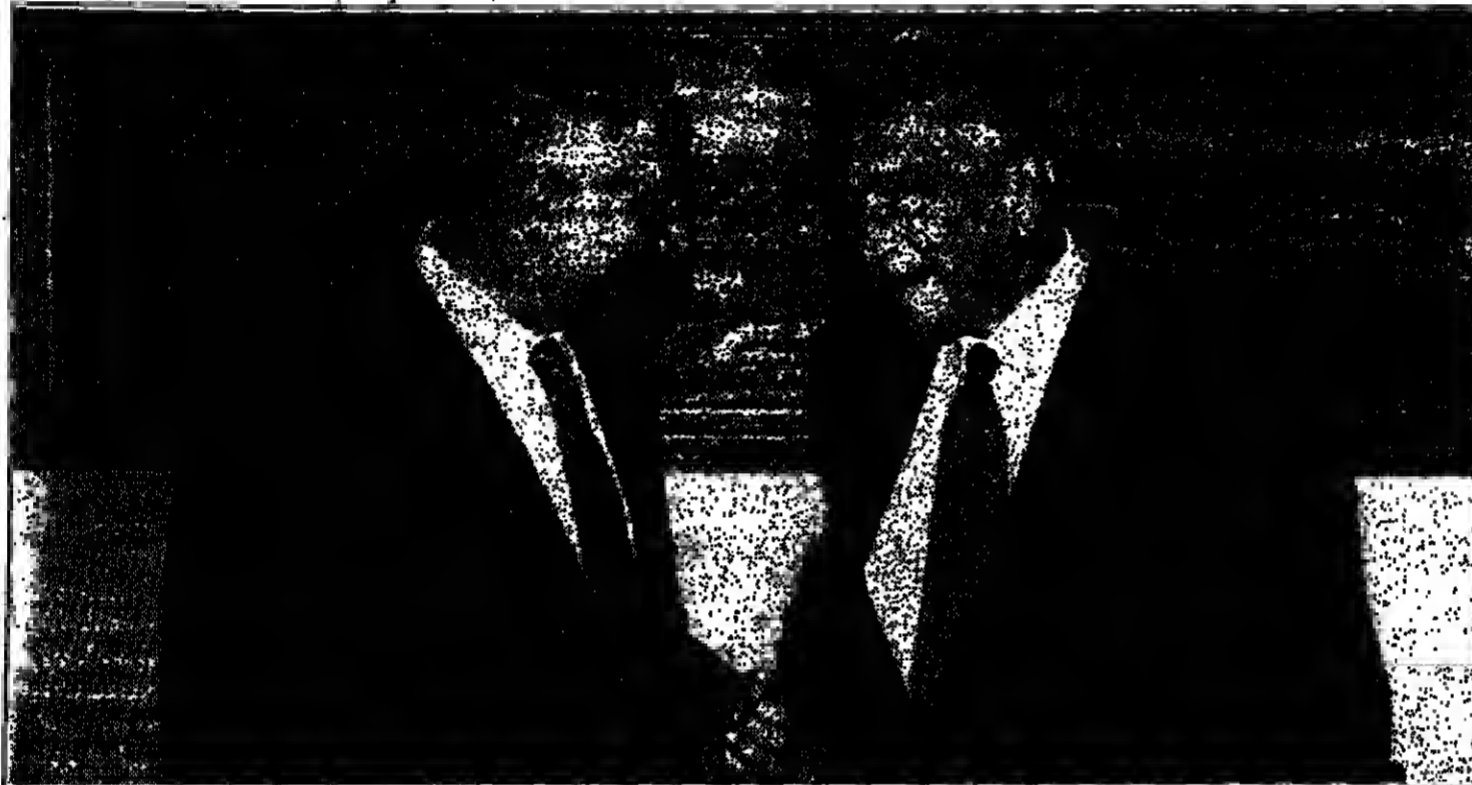
PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman is reportedly ready, if asked, to offer his services to help set up a national unity government.

Weizman was the first on prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's schedule yesterday morning.

The two spent 90 minutes discussing the new government's guidelines and the coalition formation process over breakfast. Netanyahu also briefed Weizman on the coalition talks.

The new electoral system leaves the president with little role in coalition formation. In the past, he conferred the task of forming a coalition on the leader of the largest parliamentary bloc.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided that Arye Shiner, director-general of the President's Office, and Avigdor Lieberman, who will become the new director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, will meet to work out guidelines for future cooperation.



President Ezer Weizman welcomes prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu to Beit Hanassi yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

Arafat meets Major, seeks int'l backing

LONDON (AP) - Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat said yesterday he hopes international support would keep the Middle East peace process on track, following the election of Binyamin Netanyahu. "We are in need of your help," Arafat told Prime Minister John Major after they met for about an hour at No. 10 Downing St. Asked by a reporter what message he had for Netanyahu, Arafat said: "To continue the peace process, the peace of the brave, which we had signed with my partners, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin and Mr. [Shimon] Peres, and we hope to continue." He also urged Israel to withdraw from Hebron by June 12.

Egyptian official: Mubarak to keep pressing on nuclear issue

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak will continue to press Israel to begin immediate discussions on a nuclear-free Middle East, an Egyptian official said yesterday. Mahmoud Karem, a director of the Disarmament Department in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, said his government does not accept Israel's position that a nuclear-free region should be discussed only after comprehensive peace is achieved in the region. "The basic problem is that we have a definition of security that does not fit with that of our Israeli colleagues," Karem said. The official denied Israeli assertions that Egypt is refusing to cooperate in the multilateral

talks on arms control, unless the nuclear issue is discussed. "We are not holding the talks hostage," he said. "We just want a balanced agenda. The problem is we are not getting any kind of commitment from Israel on this issue." Karem said that Egypt wants Israel to agree to discuss a set of principles for a Middle East free of nuclear weapons and would demonstrate patience, as the negotiations proceed for what he conceded could be a number of years. "We are hopeful and we want to look forward," he said. "We can both put our issues on the table and are ready to discuss

anything, including missiles and chemical weapons. I think my government has shown extreme flexibility. "But we have to discuss everything. The problem is the Israelis want to discuss only this and exclude that." Karem appeared at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe conference, which ends today in Tel Aviv. Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and Jordan are participating in the conference. Israeli diplomats said the Egyptians did not press the nuclear issue at the current seminar, as they had done in Cairo during the last OSCE conference eight months ago.

Clinton reaffirms support for peace

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton has sent letters to Arab leaders reaffirming US support for a "comprehensive, just, and lasting peace" in the Middle East. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the letters went to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordan's King Hussein, Syrian President Hafez Assad, and the PA's Yasser Arafat.

Iraq slams Netanyahu, calls him a 'Doberman'

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Iraq assailed Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday, describing him as a "Doberman" and said he would not be different from outgoing Premier Shimon Peres. "The coming of the Doberman [Netanyahu]... is bringing a new leadership that can evade what has been agreed upon with Arab leaders," the government news-

paper *Al-Jumhuriya* said in a front page editorial. The paper said Netanyahu and Peres were identical in trying to inflict severe damage on the Arabs. "There is no difference between Peres and Netanyahu, and the main differences between them center on how to subjugate Arabs and sow divi-

sions between them," *Al-Jumhuriya* said.

Chirac congratulates Netanyahu

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac telephoned prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday to congratulate him on his election victory and express the hope the Middle East peace process would continue. The two men also agreed to meet in the coming weeks. Chirac's office said. "The president called Mr. Netanyahu this morning to personally congratulate him. He [Chirac] expressed his hope that the peace process would continue in the interest of all countries of the region," Chirac spokeswoman Catherine Colonna said. The French Foreign Ministry also applauded Netanyahu for pledging in his victory speech to continue the Middle East peace process and for making early contact with Arab leaders. "Yesterday, in his speech, Mr. Netanyahu reaffirmed his desire to pursue the peace process," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yves Drouin told reporters. "This is a positive sign, as are the contacts he has already made with certain Arab leaders." The spokesman reiterated that France believes the peace process is irreversible and it would back the Israeli government down that path.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Doron Levy: Implement tax-cut plan

Jerusalem Post Staff

INCOME Tax Commissioner Doron Levy yesterday called on the new government to endorse his agency's long-term, tax-cut plan, which aims to reduce the country's overall tax revenues by NIS 5 billion.

Speaking at a gathering of certified public accountants, Levy said the commission's plan would incorporate in a wage-earner's income tax his or her payments for national insurance and health care, which are currently skimmed off of salaries on top of tax payments.

Levy said his plan would reduce to 30 percent the marginal-tax rate for a monthly salary of NIS 8,000, which currently leaves the earner with roughly 50% of his or her gross, after payment of income tax, health-care tax and national insurance fees.

The state's lost income - if it adopts the commission's recommendations - would be compensated through an expansion of the income tax base, particularly in the real estate sector; a rise in company taxes; and by fiscal cuts, which would allow the state to cut taxes for individuals.

Growth slows in private consumption

Jerusalem Post Staff

EARLIER signs this year that private-consumption growth was slowing down were reinforced by new data released by the Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday.

Faced with a set of mixed signals for the economy's general direction, the CBS stopped short of concluding the economy is slowing down.

However, it did say its preliminary indicators show private-consumption growth and the growth rate of industrial and capital-intensive imports slowed in April and March.

Retail sales grew nine percent in April from the previous month, while March's growth rate in this category was 12%.

Monthly retail sales - which together with durable goods and housing are the major categories of private-consumption - rose 15% during March and 17% from the November 1995-February 1996 period.

The industrial-production index rose an annual 6%-7% between November 1995 and March 1996. The CBS reported, however, that the performance of industrial exporters between February and April indicated a downward trend in the pace of growth, as did investments in machinery, equipment and imported vehicles.

These grew by 8-10% during March-April after having expanded by 13%-18% in the previous two months and 21-23% over the second half of last year.

Moreover, locally marketed cement over the first quarter actually shrank by 20% from the previous quarter and was 5% smaller than the quantity sold here in the corresponding period last year.

The number of new immigrants who arrived here during March-April was 5,700 a month, significantly lower than 1995's last quarter, when some 7,500 immigrants arrived every month on average.

Tax revenues up 0.5% this year

DAVID HARRIS

THE government's tax revenues for the first five months of the year rose 0.5 percent to NIS 39.6 billion from the corresponding period last year, the Treasury reported yesterday.

Total income in May alone was NIS 8.2b, marking no real change from May 1995.

The Income Tax Commission, however, reported a NIS 4.4b decrease in real terms for income tax from last May.

Since January, income tax revenue has fallen 3% to NIS 21.4b, from the same period last year.

The Commission attributed the decrease to a NIS 500 million drop in income-tax payment, amid a 37% rise in tax returns and an increase in revenue from taxation on gas and cigarettes.

The Customs and VAT Department reported NIS 3.6b in revenues, marking no real change from the previous May.

The total since January was NIS 17.3b, a 4% increase in real terms.

Against the previous May, motor vehicle imports were up 10%.

There was also a rise in import of washing machines (3%), televisions and videos (6%) and dishwashers (40%).



Once forced from the streets of Beijing because it was considered demeaning for one human to tow another, these pedicab drivers now make a modest living in modern-day Beijing ferrying tourists and locals in and around the center of the city.

Survey: Israel among less corrupt economies worldwide

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

A POLL designed to reflect businessmen's ranking of 54 countries based on their perceptions of how corrupt a country is indicates that New Zealand is the world's least corrupt country, scoring 9.43 out of a possible points, while Nigeria received the lowest score for any nation at .0.69.

The poll was carried out according to the Corruption Perceptions Index of the Berlin-based Transparency International organization and Göttingen University.

Israel was ranked the 14th cleanest country with a 7.71 rating, just ahead of the US, which received a 7.66.

Jordan, ranked 30th, received a 4.89, while Russia ranked 47th with a 2.58.

A zero grade in the corruption index suggests a country's business transactions are entirely dominated by kickbacks, extortion and bribery.

The index was based on 10 international surveys of businessmen and reflects their impressions and perceptions, not necessarily the reality, of the corruption of a country.

The study's researchers defined corruption as the misuse of public power for private benefits.

These misuses included bribing public officials, taking kickbacks in public procurement or embezzling public funds.

Tefahot suffers 7.8% decrease in first-quarter net profit

COMPANY RESULTS GALIT LIPKIS BECK

77.47m. from NIS 82m. in the same period last year.

The bank continued to benefit from a rise in commission-yielding income, mainly from the sale of life insurance policies and property insurance to mortgage holders.

Income from commissions increased to NIS 26.2m. from NIS 23.7m. in the first quarter last year.

The bank granted a record amount of loans in the reported period.

Loans not including grants increased 18% to NIS 1.58 billion from NIS 1.22b. in the corresponding quarter last year.

The bank's shareholders equity increased 4% to NIS 947.5m. from NIS 912m. at the end of 1995.

D'Amato reportedly warns French oil company over investments in Iran

PARIS (Reuter) - French oil company Total SA has received a letter from US Senator Alfonse D'Amato warning it of probable American sanctions if it goes ahead with \$600 million in planned investments in Iran, the International Herald Tribune reported yesterday.

Citing a copy of a letter sent by D'Amato to Total, the paper said Total's investment in two Iranian oil fields would be seen by the

Senate as a threat to US national security.

"We in Congress view any business deal that provides Iran with the hard currency to develop its energy sector as a direct threat to US national security," it quoted the letter saying.

Total said it had no immediate comment on the article.

Company officials have said in the past that Total's two Siri oil projects offshore Iran abide by

international law and cannot be affected by US sanctions.

D'Amato, a New York Republican, is sponsoring a bill to discourage non-American corporations from doing business in Iran and Libya by imposing penalties on them.

The legislation is expected to be enacted soon.

The bill seeks sanctions against companies that invest more than \$40 million a year in either of the

two countries and is intended to punish Iran and Libya for what the US says is sponsorship of terrorism.

The sanctions could include a ban on imports to the US, limits on loans from American credit markets, a ban on participation in US procurement contracts and a ban of export licenses on products manufactured in the US by the companies concerned, the IHT said.

Sony's new Walkman-style personal movie screen

TOKYO (Reuter) - The company that gave the world the Walkman is taking personalized entertainment into a new dimension with its latest gadget - an individual movie screen mounted in a head-set.

Japanese electronics giant Sony said yesterday it would launch a personal liquid crystal display (LCD) monitor later this month that will allow individual viewing of movies and video discs.

The PLM-50 Glasstron, to be introduced in Japan on June 21, will feature a display monitor contained in special headgear and play back images from a video-cassette recorder or a video compact disc (CD) player.

Stereo earphones will relay the sound.

Used in conjunction with a battery pack and a light-weight CD player, the product, like the Walkman, is a portable, individual entertainment system that viewers can use without disturbing those around them, Sony said. It measures 20 centimeters by

12 cm. by 26 cm., weighs 310 grams and will be priced at \$814. With a lithium-ion battery pack, the system allows two hours and 20 minutes of continuous playback in a portable setting.

Sony said it planned to produce 5,000 of the LCD monitors a month.

The Sony spokesman said the company would be the first to introduce this kind of personal monitor to the huge Japanese consumer electronics market, although several venture companies have developed head-mounted monitors in the US.

Japanese toy maker Takara Co Ltd. also plans to launch a head-mounted LCD monitor for personal use in Japan in September, although that product will not be portable, as it cannot be connected to a battery pack.

Sony also announced yesterday that on June 21 it would launch a new portable video CD player, priced at \$333, that could be used in conjunction with the portable LCD unit.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Table with multiple columns showing exchange rates for various currencies (Pataki, Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates, etc.) including US Dollar, German Mark, Japanese Yen, etc.

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NYSE/AMEX

Table of NYSE/AMEX market data including volume up and down.

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Large table of Tel Aviv stock market data including Multi-sided trading, Two-sided trading, and Afternoon trading.

Shares up slightly

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



STOCKS rose yesterday, led by investment company IDB Holding Ltd., as investors speculated about Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu's choice for finance minister.

The Maof Index advanced 0.28 percent to 218.53, while the Two-Sided Index added 0.42 to 206.10.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 148 million worth of shares traded, the daily average of May. Rising shares outperformed losers by 3.5-to-1.

Shares of IDB Holdings, the investment arm of the Recanati family, leaped 10%, the daily limit. Trading amounted to NIS 50.8m, making the holding company the most active stock.

There is speculation that Wertheimer, who recently took a 13% stake in IDB, might be lifting his holding, said Eran Goren, a fund manager at Zannex Securities in Tel Aviv.

Goren said his "top choice" is former justice minister Dan Meridor, whose record "has been brilliant."

Politically, Meridor "is the ideal center choice, widely accepted" by Labor Party supporters, Goren said. And "he can work with the central bank," he said.

"I don't want to see anyone like [Ariel] Sharon coming in and messing up the ministry," Goren said. "Sharon is not a team player."

Another candidate for finance minister is Natan Sharansky. And Globes said in an advance radio report of today's edition that Moshe Arens, a former defense minister, would be named finance minister.

Overall, Goren says he's cautious about the investment outlook. The stock indexes had declined more than 4% Thursday as it became clear that Netanyahu had defeated Peres.

In a speech to the Likud Party's central committee, Sunday night, Netanyahu spoke of an economy unhampered by special interests. He spoke of releasing the "genius in Israel" that will allow the country to become a world business leader. And he has said that he wants to sell several dozen government-run companies to the private sector.

At the same time, Netanyahu will have to form a government with a number of smaller parties, including the religious parties and most likely Sbarausky's immigrant party as well.

That makes budget cuts, which the investment community would like to see as part of a broader economic package, more difficult since each special interest group wants its slice of the public pie.

Goren suggests that Netanyahu can overcome the demands of the smaller parties by simply wielding the power that he received as the first directly elected prime minister in the country's history.

The immigrants "must be in power. They have no clout in the opposition," Goren said. That gives Netanyahu an advantage in pressing them to moderate their demands, he said.

Likewise, the three religious parties also will have to bend if Netanyahu so demands, Goren said, since he conceivably could form a governing coalition without any individual one of them.

In any event, Goren said, Netanyahu might take a whack at the military budget, which he could do more easily than Peres could have done.

Among shares traded in both Tel Aviv and New York: Teva dropped 1.5% to Tel Aviv. Koor advanced 0.75, the company's Koor investment house capital markets subsidiary, was named a full clearing member of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Tadiran was unchanged in Tel Aviv. Elbit Ltd. rose 1.5%. Elroo Electronic Industries Ltd., a holding company for technology interests including 40-percent of Elbit, rose 0.25%.

(Bloomberg)

INFLATION MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

Table of dollar crossrates including Pound, Swiss, and others.

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices including New York, London, and other markets.

Eurobourses close mixed, dollar revives

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses closed mixed yesterday, but the dollar staged a modest rebound after markets were spooked by Wall Street, rising US Treasury bond yields and fears of a Mexican-style crisis in Brazil.

Europe's major equity market, London, clawed back some of its losses by the close, Paris staged a late rally and Frankfurt revived in post-bourse trading.

The dollar regained its composure after overnight losses driven by the rise in the US long bond yield through seven percent and fears voiced about Brazil by an influential economist.

Rodiger Dornbusch, a former adviser to US President Bill Clinton, sparked concerns about Brazil by telling a conference in Sydney that capital flows into South America's biggest economy were unstable and risked a financial crisis like Mexico's in late 1994.

By the time European markets closed, the dollar was trading at 1.5287 marks and 108.29 yen from a European low of 1.5178 marks and 107.40 yen.

Traders said the US bond market was weighing on German government bonds. But British bonds rose after British purchasing managers' data came in weaker than expected, raising hopes of another cut in rates.

London's blue chip stocks eoded mostly easier with the FTSE 100 tracking Wall Street to close 8.6 points adrift but well off its lows.

French stocks reversed early losses to end higher after a late rally, helped by a revival in US and French bonds and the dollar.

The blue-chip CAC-40 index ended up 11.04 points, or 0.52 percent from Friday's close, at 2,121.10. Traders said there was strong technical support around 2,100, the day's low.

Blue-chip stocks fall as bond yields increase

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks closed weaker yesterday as investors kept a nervous eye on long-term bond interest rates, which backed up to seven percent on fears that the Federal Reserve will soon tighten credit.

According to early, unofficial results, the Dow Jones industrial average ended off 18.47 points, or 0.33 percent, at 5,624.71.

More than 316 million shares changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange, where declining issues beat advances about 13 to 10.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table of currency cross-rates including Mark, Sterling, Yen, and others.

Vilna'i visits Turkey

ANKARA (Reuter) - Turkey's military headquarters said IDF Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i visited Ankara yesterday as part of a military pact between the two countries which has angered the Moslem world.

Vilna'i is scheduled to meet Turkey's armed forces chief, Ismail Karadayi, and his deputy, Cevik Bir, today. He is to leave Turkey on Sunday, military headquarters said in a statement.

Israel's ambassador to Ankara played down the significance of the visit, which follows a trip by Turkey's navy chief to Israel a

fortnight ago to discuss military cooperation under the accord signed in February.

"This is a quite regular visit in the framework of the agreement," ambassador Zvi Elpeleg told Reuters. "You have Turkish generals visiting Israel and Israeli generals visiting Turkey."

The military training accord, which has already brought IDF F-16 jets to an air base in Anatolia, has been strongly protested by Arab countries and Turkey's Islamists.

The IDF Spokesman declined to comment on Vilna'i's trip.

Court denies reduced sentence for cabbie's teen killers

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court yesterday refused to reduce the sentences of two teenagers who murdered taxi driver Derek Roth in 1994.

The two, both 15, residents of Herzliya, shot Roth five times while riding in his cab. It was never determined which of them actually pulled the trigger. Tel Aviv District Court sentenced each of them to 16 years in prison, and they appealed to the Supreme Court.

The defense attorneys argued that the boys' youth, the negative effects of a long prison sentence, and their family problems - one boy in particular had a very difficult childhood - were all mitigating circumstances. However, Justices Gavriel Bach, Mishael Cheshin, and Yitzhak Zamir did not accept these arguments.

"This is one of the most frightening cases ever to come before an Israeli court," the justices wrote in their decision. "We are not ignoring the [mitigating circumstances], but all of them are dwarfed in comparison to the horrible crime they committed."

The justices noted that while both boys express regret for their actions now, this was not the case at the time.

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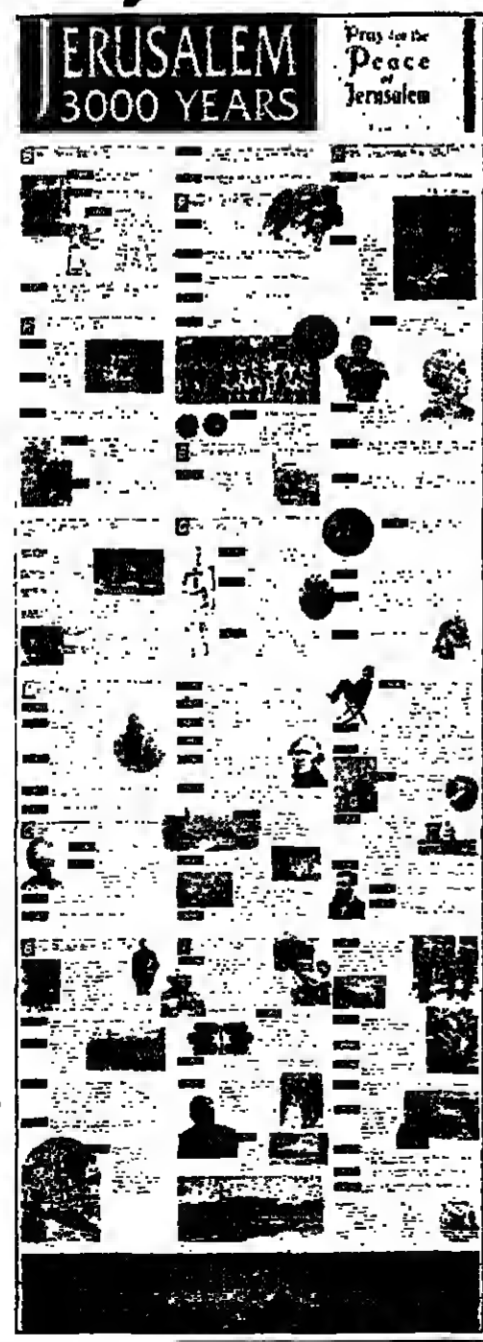
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The Denis Fournier Quartet warms up yesterday on Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda mall for its Israel Festival performance tonight. (Sarit Uziel)

Hapoel officials: We didn't misuse funds

RAINE MARCUS

MERCAZ Hapoel chairman Yoram Oberkovitz and Ya'acov Avimor, the association's former director denied charges in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday of misusing funds and conspiring to blacken the name of sports commentator and broadcaster Arye Meliniak.

Oberkovitz and Avimor are accused of paying a private investigation company nearly NIS 55,000 to "dig up dirt on Meliniak" to discredit his name and to publish the findings in the press.

The money paid to the private

investigators was taken from Hapoel funds, according to charges, and listed under "consultation fees."

The private investigators were employed for an eight-month period.

The intention, stated the charge sheet, was to besmirch Meliniak's name, who was then the chairman of Hapoel's sports committee.

The two were also charged with false registration listings, (pertaining to the funds paid

to blacken Meliniak's name and damage his credibility. They are accused of sending certain "findings" against Meliniak to then Education Minister Shulamit Aloni to damage Meliniak's reputation.

The two were also questioned by police at the end of 1995 in the Histadrut fraud case, on suspicion of illegally transferring funds to Haim Haberfeld's Histadrut election campaign some two years ago.

The trial resumes in September, after the summer recess.

Prof. Ariel Rosen-Zvi dies at 51

PROF. Ariel Rosen-Zvi, dean of the Tel Aviv University Law School, died yesterday after a five-year fight with cancer. He was 51.

A widely-respected jurist and public servant, he was best known for his participation in the Shamgar Commission of Inquiry into the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Rosen-Zvi's colleagues described him as warm and intellectually courageous, and explained that he was able to maintain a personal philosophy reconciling deep commitments to both Orthodox Judaism and liberal, Western democracy.

The author of numerous books and articles, Rosen-Zvi received

his master's degree in law from Hebrew University, and his doctorate from Tel Aviv University. He also studied literature at Bar-Ilan University.

He began his academic career in 1971, when he was appointed to the faculty of the Tel Aviv University Law School.

An expert on family law and religious courts, he was also a lecturer at the forum of the senior commanding staff of the Israel Police, the IDF's Institute of National Security, and the Supreme Court-affiliated Israeli Institute for Continuing Legal Studies for Judges.

In addition to his service on the Shamgar Commission, Rosen-Zvi's long public service career



Prof. Ariel Rosen-Zvi (Kfir Meiri)

included a stint as chairman of a committee appointed by Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, which recommended raising the salaries of ministers and MKs, while cutting their pensions and strictly limiting their outside income.

In 1984, he was appointed to the Public Committee for Reforms in Family Law, headed by the late Supreme Court justice Elisha Shainbaum, which recommended establishing a family court system. The first such court is slated to begin operations in October.

Rosen-Zvi also served on the minister of Labor and social affairs' committee for implementing the law of adoption, and on the prime minister's drafting com-

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Group demands halt to Trans-Israel Highway

THE Israel Union for Environmental Defense yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice, demanding that work on a portion of the Trans-Israel Highway be stopped.

The petition charges that the work now being done at the Kassem junction violates both the project's master plan and the Planning and Building Law, and is likely to cause unnecessary environmental damage.

The master plan for the highway states that an environmental impact study must be performed for each section. This study must then be examined by the Environment Ministry, which will prepare instructions on how to minimize the environmental damage. Only after this process is completed can work on the section in question be begun.

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